

GOVERNMENT EXPERT DESTROYS RABBITS BY THOUSANDS IN ELKO

Three men arrived in Elko last night from Metropolis and registered at the Mayer hotel. One of the three, is Joseph Keyes, a young man in the employ of the U. S. government and now working in the interests of the biological survey. The rabbit pest has a matter of experimentation with this department of our federal government for a number of years. The ranchers around Metropolis have formed an organization for co-operative effort to advance the welfare of the members in their business of farming, and they call the organization the Farmers' Equity association. The two who accompanied Mr. Keyes to Elko yesterday are the president and vice president of this association, H. Hammond and S. M. Woolf, both well known ranchmen of Metropolis. Working with Mr. Keyes, this association has demonstrated that the rabbit pest can be wiped out in any community where the interested citizens are willing to co-operate to do so. In the efforts that they have made this winter they have been killing an average of one thousand rabbits each night. And all it cost was a little work, a little alfalfa and five ounces of strychnine for each night. The manner of getting so many rabbits in one killing is extremely simple. They used portable panels which would be placed out in the safebrush to keep the stock away and a bale of hay would be thrown into this makeshift corral. After a few days the rabbits would be drawn to the feast in large numbers, especially since the snow became so deep. Then the time for the slaughter

would be ripe and would be sure to take place.

The remaining portion of the bale of hay would be removed and a few pounds of alfalfa leaves saturated with strychnine placed in the panel corral. Before noon the next day a thousand rabbits would be found lying scattered around not far away from the scene of their recent feasting. By having several of the places set all the time the exterminators were able to set the poison at one of them each night. They have killed many thousands of them this winter and that the pest can be successfully handled is complete. Mr. Keyes left this morning for Reno and will soon take up the work in another part of the state.—Elko Free Press.

DEATH OF AN ELK DUE TO ACCIDENT

Information of the death of Frank Brown, member of the Tonopah lodge of Elks, which occurred last week at Ely, states that deceased came to his end through an accident in attempting to board a Nevada Northern train as it was backing into McGill depot.

Frank was 25 years of age and had been in the district for about eight years, during which time he was never known to make an enemy, but by his sunny and jovial disposition and his most kindly heart he made a friend of every man, woman or child with whom he came in contact.

Since the suspension of the suburban trains, due to the shortage of coal, it had been the custom of those employed at McGill and residing in Ely and East Ely to go to and from their work on the main line passenger train, which backs into the McGill depot from the main line on its return trip. A number of the men walked out some distance from the railroad depot in order to board the train as it backed in and thus procure a seat, and it was this practice that caused the death of Mr. Brown.

As he was about to board the train he missed his hold on the handrails of the coach, and at the same time lost his footing on the snow and ice, which caused him to slide down the bank and fall forward so that his head just struck the rail and was immediately taken off by the wheel of the coach.

Mr. Brown is survived by his widowed mother, who for some time, owing to poor health, has resided in California, where she has been living with two sisters, Mrs. A. C. Eddy and Mrs. Anthony Jurich, as well as a brother, Fred Brown, who resides in Ely, and who have the heartfelt sympathy of all the community. It was decided to ship the remains to Denver in order that the boy might be buried in the family plot.

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The embryo oyster when it is about twelve months old is planted in the most suitable waters. The young oysters are taken out in flat bottomed boats, shoveled overboard in likely spots and allowed to remain there till they are sizable and ready for catching. This is done by means of dredges, which go over the oyster beds with a large rake arrangement dragging from ropes on the bottom of the sea, the oysters being thus forced from the bed into the large nets fastened to the side of the rake.

The breeding powers of oysters are simply amazing, and it has been computed that 1,000 full grown parents produce 440,000,000 embryos in the course of a year. But of these it is estimated that only 421 individuals reach maturity, the mortality is enormous, millions being washed away and devoured by hungry fishes.—Buffalo Times.

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HAMBURG PROPERTY EARNING "VELVET"

PRESIDENT MURRAY C. GODBE SAYS FIRST DIVIDEND WILL BE PAID BEFORE MARCH

Murray C. Godbe, president and general manager of the Hamburg Mining company, who has just returned from Pioche, where the mine is situated, says that the settlement on the last car of ore shipped a few days ago netted \$1165.75—gold, \$3.18; silver, 16.75 ounces, \$11.93; lead, 23.04 per cent, \$22.55. This total of \$1165.75 is compared with a total of \$8475.30, the average net returns on the ten carloads last shipping, showing that the ore is constantly growing richer in value. Mr. Godbe said that there were from three to five carloads now in the bins awaiting shipment, which has been delayed because of lack of transportation facilities during the last week. These cars will be placed on the market immediately.

President Godbe stated to a Salt Lake Tribune reporter:

"We have a better showing in the Hamburg today than was ever had in the Mendha. We are working it from a tunnel and have followed high-grade ore in the fissure and five-foot bed for more than 400 feet. The face of the workings toward the mountain has now more than eight feet wide of high-grade lead ore assaying 35 per cent lead, 20 ounces silver and \$5 gold. What is thought to be the same Hamburg fissure and bed was recently found on the surface on the other side of the mountain, through which the Hamburg tunnel is being pushed, over 2000 feet from the face of the tunnel. This gives us every reason to expect we will have ore the entire distance, and if we do our profits will greatly exceed our expectations. I have the greatest confidence in this property."

"The mine is only four miles from the railroad and it costs but \$1.25 a ton to place ore on the cars. Hamburg is a high-grade mine in a district where large profits have been made from its ore bodies. The Mendha mine immediately adjoins the

Hamburg and is of the same fissure. From the Mendha nearly \$800,000 profits have been already taken."

Hamburg is in a camp of big producers. It is the neighbor of the Prince Consolidated, another of the Godbe properties, which has paid in dividends \$375,000 in the last 16 months and is earning something like \$25,000 a month. Hamburg, the management states, is now making money and has been for some time. A surplus is being accumulated in the treasury which will be used for the payment of the first dividend, which will probably be some time prior to the first of March.

TRACING A CRIMINAL.

The Most Expert Will Leave Some Mark That Betrays Him. Successful criminals nearly always specialize in their work, and it is owing to this fact that detectives in many cases are able to track them down, says the Philadelphia Ledger. Not only do criminals make a practice of committing one particular style of crime, but the methods professional crooks employ are practically always on the same plan.

One burglar, for instance, will always enter through the fanlight over the front door of a shop, another by breaking in at the back. Most burglars, too, will continually repeat a burglary in the same neighborhood.

It is by carefully observing and noting the special systems notorious crooks adopt that detectives can often effect their arrests. Many a time a burglary has occurred and the criminal vanished, leaving apparently no marks by which he could be traced, and police officials have been able to produce him to court within a few days, to the utter astonishment of all concerned. It does not matter how subtle or careful a criminal may be, he always leaves some betraying sign behind for the well informed detective to act upon.

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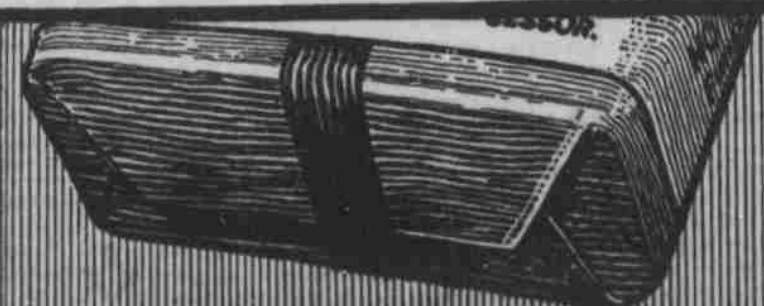
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